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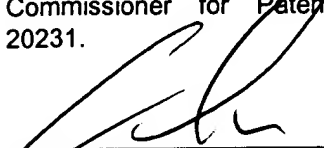
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Title: Loop Structure Including
Inflatable Therapeutic Device

Group Art Unit: 3743

Examiner: Dagostino

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**RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
DATED MAY 7, 2002**

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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated May 7, 2002, in which the Examiner required restriction to one of the following inventions:

- I. A probe (claims 1-30), and
- II. A method of forming a lesion (claims 31-36);

and further required restriction to one of the following inventions within invention I:

- III. A probe (claims 11-30), and
- IV. A probe with a control element (claims 1-10);

applicant provisionally elects invention I/III (claims 11-30) without traverse for prosecution on the merits. Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected invention(s).

Early and favorable consideration of the elected invention are respectfully requested. Allowance of the claims at an early date is courteously solicited. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call Applicants' undersigned representative at (310)

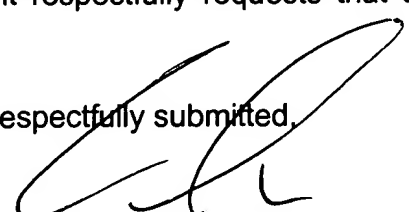
563-1458 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0638. Should such fees be associated with an extension of time, applicant respectfully requests that this paper be considered a petition therefor.

5/20/02
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